

The Sportscope

By Bruce Copeland.

Curse of a F(ache) ing Tongue.

WURRA WURRA and Dame Ramor since Sunday have circulated many wild tales derogatory to the Independents. Because the Independents were caught out of condition and defeated, scandal-mongers not even in the class with poor losers, have been spreading criminal reports against the integrity of the team.

The most absurd, but malicious, rumor is the one that alleged gambling interests "fixed" the game. With the investigation of wholesale baseball gambling still in the hands of the Chicago grand jury, it is extremely precarious for any professional gambler in the country to advertise his wares.

However, this state of affairs does not necessarily absolve the Independents from the possibility of being "approached." What DOES absolve them is the utter absurdity of even intimating that they lost for any other reason than that they were outclassed.

Sensational news of any kind inflames the reading public to a seething deflagration of suspicious calculation. Because the White Sox baseball team was corrupted by unscrupulous gamblers, has been accepted by some for justifiable allegations that professional football is susceptible to the same corruption.

In the case of the Independents, that is criminal scandal; nothing else. Individuals, who are going out of their way to spread such slander, had better retract or they might be called upon to produce supporting affidavits to their claims, without the privilege of waiving immunity should their allegations prove false.

Harder You Lose, Harder You Fall.

THE statement is attributed to certain hard-losers, who would rather attack one's character than to swallow their betting losses without a plausible alibi. He one felt defeat heavier than losses supporters. It makes not the slightest difference whether the true fan lost money on a game; he is too much of a thoroughbred to attack the character of the players for the simple reason that they were defeated.

Defeat to the true fan is, in a measure, a sacred thing. He might brood and sulk, but he never maligates. It makes not the slightest difference whether the true fan lost money on a game; he is too much of a thoroughbred to attack the character of the players for the simple reason that they were defeated.

Gambling is a gift; that is, real gambling. There is a great distinction between bettors and gamblers, although the words are synonymous. The better wagers his money for no other reason than to place a bet. Unless he is betting on a sure-thing, he will lose in the end, because he is not smart enough to calculate the odds against him.

The gambler is a student of chance—always. Usually, he is the one who wins. To him, gambling is a business—a means of livelihood. He cannot afford to gamble recklessly; consequently even if he incurs a loss one way, he will recoup in another, because self-preservation is really the gambler's code.

The harder most bettors lose, the harder they fall, because they are unprepared to suffer loss, and try to square themselves at the expense of others. The gambler will never squawk, because the slightest confession would injure his gambler's pride. The real gambler is always inscrutable. You never know whether he wins or loses because his pride is master of his tongue.

Chance Needs No Bankroll Stimulant.

THE vast majority of those who attend any sporting event never bet or gamble and never will. They have the right idea as regards taking a chance. The genuine thrill of chance can live without a bankroll to stimulate it. There is no self-appointed censorship appended to any comment in this column. Folk can bet their money until the last farthing is up without the slightest limitation or restraint. Still, betting is poor business, even in the so-called piker class, because you do not get anything for your money, while the other fellow gets it for nothing.

Clean sport is not stimulated in the slightest by betting on a game. Clean sport makes itself. Piker bettors make only sadder pickings for gamblers who understand their profession. Some gamblers understood their profession so well that they cost Charlie Comiskey \$230,000 worth of baseball players.

Chance needs no bankroll stimulant. The genuine thrills of chance come from the soul of sport, not a mint.

Team Left All "Fight" On Gridiron.

HARKING back to Wurra Wurra and Dame Ramor, nothing of serious consequence has transpired to impair the Independents' harmony. There were no fat fights, vindictive arguments, etc., among the players after the game. Those who are accustomed to the ways of athletes would discredit such aspersions upon utterance.

The nervous tension that tightens any athlete up to the highest level exposes him frequently to aggravation upon the slightest pretext. Any athlete's outraged sense of superiority may be productive of ill-behavior upon suffering a reverse. It is in such cases that all athletes to over-express candid opinions of themselves among themselves.

Rest assured, if a fat-fight had been staged among the players after Sunday's game, the combatants would have drawn their blue slips on the spot. The place to have fought was the gridiron, during the game; not in the clubhouse afterward. Moreover, the writer was in the clubhouse until the last player had departed, and, aside from a few "candid opinions," no personalities were exchanged.

These "candid opinions" are dispensed after every game, win or lose. Frequently, the morbidly curious, (not including the hero-worshipping kids), who cluster around the clubhouse to glean crumbs of gossip, construe such bantering as hard feelings. Then, lo, an hour later, this man's town learns that So-and-So and So-and-So had embroiled in a knock-down, drag-out fight. Ain't nature wonderful!

Peril of Public Gambling Displays.

SINCE the Chicago baseball scandals, sport gambling has been in such disrepute that any public betting demonstrations should not only be suppressed, but obliterated completely. Those who circulate through the crowd advertising bets, should be locked up and given the opportunity of reflecting how they imperiled the good name of popular athletics by trying to make a field for clean sport into a betting ring.

There isn't gambling money enough in the world to buy an inch of space in an honest newspaper; so, why should gambling advertising be tolerated by word of mouth, with sporting integrity at stake?

Hundreds of tri-city sports lost money on the White Sox in the fall of 1919. For a moment, these losers smarted under the double-cross, but before you could bat an eyelash, they turned around and laid bets on something else.

There is no sport in the world that needs betting support. Certain turf interests believed once that betting was essential to the sport. What happened? Why, several states abolished horse racing when it became dominated by the gambling interests. After several years' reflection, the racing public was glad to have the sport restored IN ANY FORM.

Baseball proved too mighty an institution for the gamblers to sway, but it was too firmly imbedded in the American heart for the gamblers to make a warning scratch upon its surface. While any device of gambling on Rock Island football games might not affect the sport in 100 years, wholesale betting will always lead to suspicion that Rock Island sports are not wholly beyond reproach.

Be Sure You're Right, Then Tell the World.

YESTERDAY The Argus reported that all the Independents will get one more chance—Sunday—to prove themselves physically fit to oppose the well-trained eleven that remains on the schedule. The report was in general application, but, for the benefit of those who seek information as to Fred Chabon or any other individual player, the ultimatum is applicable to the whole squad.

None will be favored if weaknesses are to be imposed. The players who bet heavy physical weaknesses will get the gain quicker than a bird who is caught counting over the fence. Rock Island's sense of loyalty was outraged yesterday. It shall not occur again. Rock Island is paying to support a football team to compete for the world's championship, not for a team of physical weaklings. Rock Island will continue to fight for its ideals if it has to import an entire new team—next week.

Discredit rumors about the Independents—all of them! Demand just proof before you form an opinion and spread the tale! Discard everything that cannot be proved! In plain English, BE SURE YOU ARE RIGHT, AND THEN TELL THE WORLD!

MILLIKEN TEAM IS CHANGED TO FIT AUGIE FORM

Coch Wynn Shifts Players to Perfect Machine for Saturday Clash.

(Special to The Argus.)

Decatur, Ill., Oct. 20.—When Milliken's big blue and white machine took the field Saturday against Augustana, in the game that will decide the I. I. A. C. title for 1930, it will be a rebuilt eleven.

Although the locals have won their first three games in easy style, Coach Wynn is a little worried about Swedenberg's team and has just about decided that his own machine needs remodeling.

The former Earlham star announced Wednesday evening that he would shift Hamilton, one of his star backs, to full in Cecil Abrams' place and assign Lull to the vacant half position.

Abrams has been putting up a good, enough article of ball, but Wynn is not satisfied with the work of his end men and will place Abrams at one of the wing posts.

Diehl at Other End.

Diehl, who has showed up as very promising in the games, is to be given a chance to start at the other end and that means that Hank Gill of basketball fame, and Solberry, who has been doing the kicking, will be on the bench at the beginning of the championship struggle.

With Lipe in the game, Wynn does not need to worry about a kicker, while his ability as a passer will give Augustana's defense something to think about.

All the team came out of the Bradley scrap in good shape and Wynn has been working them overtime this week in an effort to correct the many fumbles that took place in last Saturday's game.

Fumbles Team Weakness.

Bradley gained many yards on recovered fumbles and the local mentor does not wish to have such a thing occur with the Argus, for he realizes that a couple of touchdowns for Swedenberg's men in the early part of the game, such as occurred in the Bradley tilt, would probably see the title go Rock Island way.

All Decatur and central Illinois is talking the coming battle and there is almost as much interest in the game as was displayed over the journey of the Staleys to the Islander town last Sunday.

Critics over the circuit look upon the contest as an even proposition, with the winner being decided after one of the hardest struggles ever fought in the conference.

Probable Lineup.

- Abrams L. E.
- Ward L. F.
- Sutherland L. G.
- Fulton C. G.
- Reedy R. G.
- Reidy R. T.
- Diehl R. E.
- MacWherter (C) Q. B.
- Wallace L. H.
- Lipe R. H.
- Hamilton F. B.

ILLINI WORKOUT MICHIGAN PLAY

Scrabs, Using Wolverine Formations, Unable to Gain on Varsity in Training for Saturday Game.

Urbana, Ill., Oct. 19.—Coach Winter's freshmen, using Michigan formations, were unable to gain ground against the Varsity tonight. They presented the same stonewall front that stopped Iowa Saturday, and the heavy freshman backs were stopped by linemen. Scrummed back for linemen. Scrummed back for linemen.

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Ready always reads the news

For latest leads in clothes and shoes. And every new, handsome style is bound to draw a knowing smile. Though quite enslaved by fashion, she's a bear for freedom of the seas.

FRAUD CHARGES HIT POOL STAR

Greenleaf, Champion, and Rival, Agreed to Change Title Match to Exhibition, Accusers Swear.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Charges of fraud and deceit against Ralsh Greenleaf, pocket-billiard champion, are made by Robert E. Dural, in a supreme court action, started by him as a result of a pocket-billiard match between the champion and Joseph Concannon, in this city Aug. 16, 17 and 18.

Mr. Dural claims that at the time of the match he was given to understand by Greenleaf that the title was to be passed in case of his defeat by Concannon, but that he later learned that the two players agreed between themselves that the match should be purely an exhibition affair.

The match was won by Concannon by a score of 450 to 425.

As a remedy, Mr. Dural seeks to recover \$300 paid by him to Greenleaf following the match.

LANGFORD LOSES.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 21.—Lee Anderson, negro light-heavyweight of San Francisco, won a 10-round decision from Sam Langford, negro.

The Passing Blow

WIND BY BRUCE COPELAND



Before election every wish is promised by the politician. "Leave it to me," you hear him say. "White robes and such hip-hip-hooray."

But afterward he'll pass you by With hasty step and clammy eye.



When women started in to fight Because they'd won the right to vote, They didn't stop to think that they Some day must give their age away. So, shoot a dime November 20 That women's vote will lose a few.

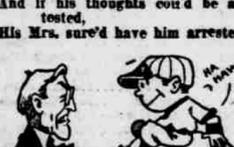


When prohibition laws went in, They said we'd see no more of gin. Of whiskey, beer and applejack That they would nevermore come back.

Though law is law, we will allow, The WHOLE U. S. is drinking now.



No matter what is woman's toll—Electioneering, selling oil—Among the crowd at least one man Both kid himself he's Peter Pan; And if his thoughts could be at tested, His Mrs. sure'd have him arrested.



To each and every lofty gent, Who'd like to be our president, We would advise to get real slow. If he would kneed the golden dough. The people pick their kings and mayors, But yield their cash to baseball players.



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MINORS RALLY TO BANNER OF HEYDLER CLAN

Lesser Leagues to Decide Balance of Power in Baseball Crisis When Showdown is Called.

BY HENRY L. FARRELL, (United Press Staff Correspondent).

New York, Oct. 21.—In the hurried dash for the support of the minors, John A. Heydler and the 11 clubs who follow him, seem to have won them over to their idea of new baseball.

At present only two courses are open to Ban Johnson and his "faithful five." They must either join the Heydler faction before Nov. 1 or start on a quest of three new clubs to fill their league. Without the support of the minors this would be almost hopeless.

Three new clubs would require at the very least 45 players and the five clubs remaining with Johnson in the present controversy are not sufficiently fortified in power and strength to divide with them.

Odds on Minor Support.

It therefore seems that the odds in a fight to a decision will go up on the team that the minors fall in behind.

Two minor league heads have aligned themselves with Heydler in his campaign for a change in baseball's government, in messages to the writer.

The majority of the minors favor the Leaker plan with a few reservations. I am strong for Comiskey and clean baseball," J. W. Morris, president of the Texas league, wired today.

"I do not believe the American league would be disorganized or disrupted," wired William H. McCarthy, president of the Pacific Coast league, who is fighting "crooked baseball" in his own league. "But I do strongly advocate a get-together policy which will eliminate the differences of the past and produce a plan, whether it be the Leaker or the present agreement, that to remedy whatever ills that exist."

"Concerted action will be taken by the minors when the major league committee presents its plans at our annual meeting in Kansas City Nov. 9, 10 and 11," said J. H. Farrell, secretary of the national association.

The national league chief has been assured of support by other minor league heads, including Walter Rose, Florida State league; H. A. Santill, South Dakota league; Frank Miller, Western Canada league; J. V. Jamison, Blue Ridge league; and J. C. Lechter, West Virginia association.

Although Thomas Hickey, president of the American association, has not expressed himself, his stand may be influenced by the following of his club owners who have wired their endorsement to Heydler: William F. Smith, Indianapolis; Otto Borchert, Milwaukee; Roger Brensham, Toledo; George Muehlebach, Kansas City; George K. Belden, Minneapolis; and J. W. Knebelcamp, Louisville.

COMISKEY BEGINS TO REBUILD TEAM WITH YOUNG STARS

Chicago, Oct. 21.—(United Press.)—The White Sox have started to rebuild their shattered machine, according to reports here today.

The odd scrappy Hoss was wrecked when seven players were indicted for throwing the 1919 world series. Charles A. Comiskey, owner, was said to have offered the Baltimore club \$25,000 for three players. For two players sought from the St. Paul club, it was said, Comiskey offered \$30,000.

Comiskey was reported after Jack Bentley, southpaw pitcher and first sacker; Shortstop Daley and Bill Holten, outfielder of the Orioles.

Other men reported sought are Catcher Hargrave and Outfielder Elmer Miller.

CENTER OFF TO PLAY HARVARD

Whole Town of Danville, Ky., Turns Out to Send-Off of Mountaineers to Scene of Cambridge Game.

Danville, Ky., Oct. 21.—The special train carrying the Centre college football eleven, which will play Harvard at Cambridge Saturday, left here early today. Besides 27 players the train also carried about 300 boosters, including college students and Danville citizens. It is scheduled to arrive at Cambridge tomorrow afternoon.

A crowd of several thousand persons was at the station and gave the team a rousing send-off. The train will stop at Lexington, where more boosters will get on board.

All Danville is highly excited over the game with Harvard. The players themselves, and Coach Moran, were confident of winning. Moran, it was said, is of the belief that the game will be close, but expects his stars, especially McMillan, quarterback; Roberts, fullback; and Weaver, center, to carry Centre to victory.

Harvard, however, is considered by football experts to have the best chance to win, owing to its having several hundred players from which to pick a team, whereas Centre has only about 55.

HARVARD TO PLAY WITH MANY SHIFTS IN CENTER BATTLE

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 21.—(United Press.)—Harvard may be forced to send a patched lineup against Centre Saturday in a game that is holding attention of the east.

Captain Howeren may be able to play, but Havemeyer, Kane, Woods, Sedgwick and one or two other back-ups of the heavy line are doubtful.

Some odds of 5 to 3 have been offered here favoring Harvard, while it is reported New Yorkers are offering 7 to 5. Odds may change with the arrival of the southerners.

High School Boys Hold Augie to 4 Touchdowns in High Class Fashion

By "ALIBI AL."

Displaying more pep than they have since the alumni game, Kimball's high school Augie passed to four hard fought touchdowns in 50 minutes of rough-and-tumble scrimmage last night on Erickson field. If the team will fight Saturday against Geneseo as it did yesterday there will be no end to the score run up by the Islanders.

Chances vs. Moline Soar.

Rock Island's chances for winning over Moline are slowly rising every day. Moline's defeat by Galewood, which was overwhelmed by Davenport, stamps the Maroon and White squad as rather below the class of either of the other tri-city teams.

Several weeks ago Augie ran away with the Moline high team in a practice game, the Blue and Gold men scoring 10 touchdowns in 20 minutes. The Islanders' record of four counters in 50 minutes of play puts them, according to dope, above the Moline squad.

Last year the Moliners defeated the Islanders by one point after the locals had outplayed their opponents throughout the whole game. This year, with dope already in favor, the local men are planning to exact revenge for last year's fluke defeat.

Play Through Angle Line.

Last night the high men received the ball on the kickoff and started a steady march down the field, to the surprise of all the spectators. First downs were made in short order and after three more plays, Duncan punted. The school forwards were down under the ball and Duffin was downed before he moved an inch. The Augie team then started up the field. By the aid of a long pass to "Wallie" Swanson, the ball was placed on the 10-yard line, where the high school held for downs. Duncan punted again and Augustana began to plow up the ground. It took 17 minutes of hard playing before the Blue and Gold could place the ball behind the goal line. Duffin carried the ball over on an end run for the first touchdown.

BOTH IN GRAND CONDITION FOR TODAY'S FIGHT

Schauers Slight Favorite Over Milwaukee—Andy Luchs of Brw City to Oppose Johnson.

Johnny Schauers, St. Paul, versus Otto Wallace, Milwaukee; 10 rounds, 155 pounds.

Battling Johnson, Moline, versus Andy Luchs, Milwaukee; six rounds, 135 pounds.

Young Eagle Eye, Rock Island, versus Sam Sella, Rock Island; four rounds, 125 pounds.

Kid Wisa, Rock Island, versus Young Sowers, Moline; four rounds, 115 pounds.

BY BRUCE COPELAND.

Johnny Schauers of St. Paul, Mike McNulty's chief man, ticks, and Otto Wallace of Milwaukee, one of the busiest lightweights in the ring, are prime for their 10-round bout tonight at the Illinois theatre. It will be the boys' second meeting and promises to be of such vindictive nature as to leave no doubt as to supremacy.

Schauers will enter the ring a slight favorite as the result of his two previous victories over Al Van Ryan of St. Paul in Rock Island rings last summer. Johnny is trained to a fine edge, and mixing a heavier punch than ever before with his usual flashy boxing, he declares he expects to win from Wallace in short order.

Otto is Optimalist.

Wallace is just as positive he can take Johnny's measure, Otto's showing against Johnny Noy last fall stamped him as a first rank lightweight, whose boring-in style is productive of the utmost consternation to his opponent. Otto uses both arms like pistons, with a knockout punch in both hands.

Promoters Smith and Quinn were fortunate in getting this match. A Florida club placed a bid for the same opponents only a few hours after Smith and Quinn had signed the boys to show in Rock Island. Schauers and Wallace are great favorites in the Tractor city and were offered better inducements to fight there, but business is business, and they were compelled to accept Rock Island, according to their friends.

Final Rush for Tickets.

Tonight's card is expected to be the forerunner of the all-star winter entertainments in point of attendance. That there will be a last-minute run for choice seats was indicated this morning by the steady sale of tickets at the theatre. Schauers has won countless friends in the tri-city, all of whom will be on hand to pull for him. But Wallace is not lacking in support. Many believe he has a good chance to win.

An 11th-hour switch in the semi-weekend was occasioned by the exorbitant demands of Sig Hart of Chicago, manager of Young O'Brien. Hart first agreed to bring O'Brien down for \$50, but when he learned that the promoters had agreed to be the principals, he boosted the figures to \$75. Promoter Smith then cancelled the engagement.

Luchs to Box Johnson.

However, the semi-final event will not lack thrills, for Smith got busy and signed Andy Luchs of Milwaukee, who held Wallace to a 10-round draw in Clinton the other night. Luchs will give Battling Johnson of the tri-city, all of whom will be on hand to pull for him. But Wallace is not lacking in support. Many believe he has a good chance to win.

Promoter Smith announced today that the bouts will be run off without a hitch.

SHAMROCKS WANT FOOTBALL CLASH WITH LOCAL STARS

The Davenport Shamrocks, a fast semi-pro football team, averaging between 150 and 155 pounds, would like to arrange games with some fast teams in or around Rock Island.

The Shamrocks have not been scored on in three games, while they ran up 32 points against their opponents.

For games, call Dav. 2216-W or write Joseph Barnes, 1812 Mississippi avenue, Davenport.

MUGGSY M'GRAW NOT TO QUIT TEAM NEXT YEAR, RUMOR

New York, Oct. 21.—(United Press.)—John J. McGraw has no intention of retiring as manager of the New York Giants and devoting his attention to the business end of the game, according to F. X. McGuire, treasurer of the club.

His statement was made to refute the report that Hugh Jennings, late manager of the Detroit Tigers and former teammate of the Giant boss, would be at the helm of the New Yorkers next year.

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